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## **Private Sector Adds 5,900 Jobs in August Unemployment Unchanged at 9.2 Percent**

**CHICAGO** – Illinois added 5,900 private sector jobs in August and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.2 percent, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Illinois added 64,800 private sector jobs compared to August 2012. The data is seasonally adjusted.

“Job growth without a corresponding drop in the unemployment rate indicates employers are willing to hire if they find a very good, very qualified candidate,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “Adding jobs without lowering the unemployment rate underscores the uneven nature of this economy and could continue depending how national and global events shape business plans and consumer confidence.”

Employers posted 197,000 help-wanted ads in Illinois in August, the independent Conference Board stated. Nearly 70 percent were full-time positions. The data is seasonally adjusted.

Illinois has added +251,000 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned following nearly two years of consecutive monthly declines. Leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+110,400); Education and Health Services (+61,900); and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+49,500). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -34,200.

Volatility has been the hallmark of this economic cycle. When compared to the previous month, Illinois recorded job growth in 32 months and job loss in 12. Unemployment fell in 24 months, increased in nine and was unchanged in 11. Sustained consumer confidence could reduce volatility.

The three-month moving average unemployment rate, which smoothes monthly volatility, was unchanged at 9.2 percent in August. The number of unemployed individuals decreased in August for the first time since May, down -2,500 (-0.4 percent) to 602,000. Total unemployed has fallen -150,200 (-20.0 percent) since early 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.3 percent for the months of January and February.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work. Historically, the national unemployment rate is lower than the state rate. The state rate has been lower than the national rate only six times since January 2000.

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### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	3-Month Moving Avg.
<b>Illinois</b>	9.2%	9.2%	8.9%*	9.2%
<b>U.S.</b>	7.3%	7.4%	8.1%*	7.4%
* Revised				

### Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Non-farm Jobs – by Major Industry

Industry Title	August 2013*	July 2013**	August 2012**	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change	3-Month Moving Avg.	Change from Previous 3-Month Mov. Avg.
Total Nonfarm	5,801,000	5,796,200	5,745,600	4,800	55,400	5,795,300	6,900
Mining	10,600	10,400	10,200	200	400	10,400	0
Construction	184,700	188,800	184,800	-4,100	-100	185,600	3,700
Manufacturing	575,200	575,700	584,200	-500	-9,000	577,500	-2,200
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,170,400	1,168,200	1,153,100	2,200	17,300	1,161,700	3,000
Information	98,900	99,200	99,500	-300	-600	100,000	0
Financial Activities	372,900	373,800	366,400	-900	6,500	373,800	300
Professional and Business Services	891,300	891,000	865,000	300	26,300	883,900	6,500
Educational and Health Services	883,400	877,800	863,700	5,600	19,700	880,500	-1,100
Leisure and Hospitality	541,200	537,700	538,500	3,500	2,700	539,300	600
Other Services	250,300	250,400	248,700	-100	1,600	252,200	-1,100
Government	822,100	823,200	831,500	-1,100	-9,400	823,500	-2,900
				* Preliminary	** Revised		

#### Notes:

- Illinois monthly labor force, unemployed and unemployment rates for years 2008-2012 have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In February of each year, monthly labor force data for all states are revised to reflect updated sum-of-states controls, Census population controls, seasonal factors, non-farm jobs and unemployment insurance claims inputs. Data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly household (CPS) survey. Comments and tables distributed in prior Illinois unemployment rate news release materials should be discarded because any analysis, including records, previously cited might no longer be valid.
- Seasonally adjusted employment data for subsectors within industries are not available. For not seasonally adjusted jobs data with greater industry detail, go to [http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Custom/Library/Statistic/CES/1\\_NSA\\_CES\\_Illinois\\_MSAs\\_Jobs\\_2000\\_to\\_Current.XLS](http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Custom/Library/Statistic/CES/1_NSA_CES_Illinois_MSAs_Jobs_2000_to_Current.XLS).
- "Other Services" includes a wide range of activities in three broad categories: Personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet Metropolitan Division are available at: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=2509>.

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